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Opposition Opinion: House Bill 5542

Reasons for opposition:

This bill would be duplicative of federal regulations.

The Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) of the United States Post Office already requires what this bill is proposing.

DMM ... Section D041 Customer Mail Receptacles, states:

2.3Address Identification

Every curbside mailbox must bear the following address information:

- a. A box number, if used, inscribed in contrasting color in neat letters and numerals at least 1 inch high on the side of the box visible to the carrier's regular approach, or on the door if boxes are grouped.
- b. A house number if street names and house numbers have been assigned by local authorities, and the postmaster authorizes their use as a postal address. If the box is on a different street from the customer's residence, the street name and house number must be inscribed on the box.

And the DMM has similar regulations regarding houses w/o mailboxes.

So, unless the proponents of the bill have data to support that a significant number of properties do not accept US Mail, then this proposed bill would be a waste of resources.

Let the federal government spend its money in enforcing what this bill wishes to be enforced.

And there are likely local ordinances that would also meet the goal of this proposed bill.

Duplicity is not something that is desirable. I oppose the bill for this purpose.